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'Tarka Griffiths'



Tarka was brought to the practice when her owners noticed she was a little off colour and had begun to vomit. She was quite dull and lethargic and her abdomen was distended and tense. The veterinary surgeon recommended that Tarka was kept in at the practice and was given intravenous fluid therapy after blood tests were performed. It then became clear that the main cause of her problems were due to her liver failing to function properly, the cause of which at this point was unknown.

Xrays and ultrasound scans were performed to check on the state of Tarka's liver. On viewing the scanner images, it seemed that the liver was of fairly normal appearance but there was an abnormal, large growth to one side of it. The decision was made to perform an 'exploratory laparotomy' on Tarka – an operation which enables the Vets to actually see what is causing a particular problems.

During the operation, it was discovered that the growth was actually Tarka's Gall Bladder that had become distended and irregular and it was this that was causing her to be so ill. The Gall Bladder was removed – an operation not to be taken lightly – and Tarka recovered well and returned home after more than a week at the practice. Her blood results improved dramatically and her liver began to function normally. She is now back to her normal cheeky self minus only a gall bladder!!